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#### AMENDMENTS

##### In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 21 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

(VB f<sup>5</sup>) 1. (Amended) A method of reducing the growth rate of a [cell] tumor, comprising contacting [said] a cell within said tumor with (a) a gene encoding a functional p53 protein and (b) a DNA damaging agent in a combined amount effective to [kill] inhibit the growth of said [cell] tumor.

(VB f<sup>6</sup>) 22. (Amended) The method of claim [21] 1, wherein said tumor cell is a malignant cell.

(VB f<sup>6</sup>) 26. (Amended) The method of claim [21] 1, wherein said tumor cell is located within an animal at a tumor site

(VB f<sup>9</sup>) 46. (Amended) The method of claim [21] 1, wherein the tumor cell is contacted with a DNA damaging agent by irradiating the tumor cell with X-ray radiation, UV-irradiation,  $\gamma$ -irradiation or microwaves.

sub F 9 > 51. (Amended) The method claim [21] 1, wherein the tumor cell is contacted with a pharmaceutical composition comprising a DNA damaging compound.

sub F 11 > 83. (Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein said gene is delivered to said tumor endoscopically, intravenously, intratracheally, intralesionally, percutaneously or subcutaneously.

sub F 12 > 90. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the period between administration of the [vector] gene and DNA damaging agent is between 6 and 12 hours.

91. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the period between administration of the [vector] gene and DNA damaging agent is about 12 hours.

D 1 96. 66 (Amended) The method of claim [21] 1, wherein said tumor cell is an epithelial tumor cell.